



PINNER PARK JUNIOR SCHOOL

Special Educational Needs Policy

Article 2: All children have these rights, no matter who they are, what their parents do, what language they speak, what their religion is, whether they are boy or girl, what their culture is, whether they have a disability, whether they are rich or poor.

Article 19: Children should be properly cared for and protected from violence, abuse and neglect.

Article 23: Children who have any kind of disability should have special care and support so that they can lead full and independent lives.

Article 29: Your education should help you use and develop your talents and abilities.



Introduction

This policy is constructed in line with the requirements set out in Part 3 of the Pupils and Families Bill (2014) and associated regulations. The policy is fully compliant with the Special Educational Needs (SEN) Code of Practice: for 0 to 25 years (July 2014)

Part 1 : Basic information about the school's SEN provision

Pinner Park Junior School identifies pupils as having Special Educational Needs if they meet the definition as set out in the Draft Special Educational Needs (SEN) Code of Practice (DfE, July 2014)

This defines SEN as;

- xi. A child or young person has SEN if they have a learning difficulty or disability which calls for special educational provision to be made for him or her.
- xii. A child of compulsory school age or a young person has a learning difficulty or disability if he or she:
 - has a significantly greater difficulty in learning than the majority of others of the same age, or
 - has a disability which prevents or hinders him or her from making use of educational facilities of a kind generally provided for others of the same age in mainstream schools or mainstream post-16 institutions
- xvi. Many children and young people who have SEN may have a disability under the Equality Act 2010 – that is ‘...a physical or mental impairment which has a long term and substantial adverse effect on their ability to carry out normal day-to-day activities’.

The school provides special educational provision for pupils who require:

“special educational provision, that is provision different from or additional to that normally available to pupils of the same age.”

The school provides for pupils whose special educational needs broadly fall into the 4 areas of:

- 1. Communication and interaction**
- 2. Cognition and learning**
- 3. Social, Emotional and Mental Health Difficulties**
- 4. Sensory and/or Physical Needs**

Guiding principles

- At Pinner Park Junior school we believe that all of our pupils, regardless of gender, ethnicity, ability, disability or sexuality are entitled to a high quality education that will maximise their life chances.
- All pupils are entitled to an education that enables them to:
 - Achieve their best
 - Become confident individuals living fulfilling lives, and
 - Make a successful transition into adulthood, whether into employment, further or higher education or training

Objectives of the school’s SEN policy

- We will ensure that a child or young person with SEN will have their needs met through a programme of identification, assessment, planning and support.
- To achieve this;
 - Assessment data will be scrutinised
 - The views of the pupil and parents will be sought and taken into account
 - Our parents have a vital role to play in supporting their pupil’s education
 - Our pupils with SEN will be offered full access to a broad, balanced and relevant education, including an appropriate curriculum
 - The school will manage its resources to ensure all pupils’ needs are met
 - A pupil’s special educational needs will be identified early
 - Provision and progress for our SEN pupils will be monitored and reviewed regularly
 - The school will involve outside agencies when appropriate
 - Education, Health & Care Plans/Statements will be reviewed regularly in line with regulations
 - Appropriate training will be provided for class teachers and learning assistants to ensure the effective implementation of the policy

Where a SEN is identified, the school will put appropriate evidence-based interventions in place. These will be provided as part of a Graduated Response, which includes regular review of the progress made and adaptations to the support provided as required.

How the policy will contribute to meeting the objectives

The effectiveness and appropriateness of the policy will be continuously monitored by the Acting SENCO in conjunction with the SEN Representative from the Governing Body using the criteria listed in this document. The use of resources,

identification, programme planning, effectiveness and quality of individual planning, pupil progress, pupil participation, parents as partners, statutory reviews, referrals for statutory assessment, the identification of training needs and the use made of support services will be monitored and evaluated regularly.

In addition the school will annually undertake a self-evaluation of the effectiveness of its policy in order to both update the policy and to plan further improvements and development.

The arrangements that have been made for coordinating the provision of education for pupils with SEN at the school.

The school's provision for pupils with SEN will be coordinated by Mrs N. Quilfeldt, Acting SENCO.

The Acting SENCO has an important role to play with the Acting Headteacher and Governing Body, in determining the strategic development of SEN policy and provision in the school. At Pinner Park Junior School the Acting SENCO is part of the Senior Leadership Team.

The Acting SENCO has day-to-day responsibility for the operation of SEN policy and coordination of specific provision made to support individual pupils with SEN, including those who have statements or EHC plans.

The Acting SENCO provides professional guidance to colleagues and works closely with staff, parents and carers, and other agencies. The Acting SENCO is aware of the provision in the Local Offer and is able to work with professionals providing a support role to the family to ensure that pupils with SEN receive appropriate support and high quality teaching.

The key responsibilities of the Acting SENCO are:

- Overseeing the day-to-day operation of the school's SEN policy
- Coordinating provision for children with SEN
- Liaising with the relevant Designated Teacher where a looked after pupil has SEN
- Liaising with Welfare staff where children with medical needs have SEN
- Advising a on the graduated approach to providing SEN support
- Advising on the deployment of the school's delegated budget and other resources to meet pupils' needs effectively
- Liaising with parents of pupils with SEN
- Liaising with other schools, educational psychologists, health and social care professionals, and independent or voluntary bodies
- Being a key point of contact with external agencies, especially the local authority and its support services
- Liaising with potential next providers of education to ensure a pupil and their parents are informed about options and a smooth transition is planned

- Working with the Acting Headteacher and school governors to ensure that the school meets its responsibilities under the Equality Act (2010) with regard to reasonable adjustments and access arrangements
- Ensuring that the school keeps the records of all pupils with SEN up to date

In addition to the Acting SENCO, there is a specialist team of people who support the work of the Acting SENCO. Their roles and responsibilities are;

Year Group	Names	Role
Whole school	Mrs. Quillfeldt	Acting SENCO
	Mrs. Sachania and Mrs Reeves	Learning Mentors
	Mrs. Spencer	SpLD support teacher
	Mrs. Jameel	EAL Support Assistant
Year 3	Mrs. Benson, Mrs. Ali, Mrs Reeves, t.b.c	Learning Assistants
Year 4	Mrs. Courtney, Mrs O'Brien, Mrs Nayee, Mrs Weetch	
Year 5	Miss Schweitzer, Mrs. Watson, Mrs Yip, Mrs Street	
Year 6	Mrs. Botjar, Mrs Jameel, Mrs. Patel, Ms. Shah	

The admission arrangements for pupils with SEN who do not have an Education Health Care Plan in so far as they differ from the arrangements for other pupils.

The admission arrangements for pupils with SEN who do not have an EHCP are the same as for the school as a whole.

Facilities for pupils with SEN at the school including facilities which increase/assist access to the school by pupils who are disabled.

The school has two disabled toilets, one located within the girls' toilets and one in the Welfare Room. There is a lift for access to all levels in the school. Ramps are available for access to the building and there are two entrances with level entrances. More detailed information is available in the Accessibility Plan. The school seeks to comply with the 2010 Discrimination and Disability Act.

Part 2 : Information about the school's policies for the identification, assessment and provision for all pupils with special educational needs

SEN Funding

The school's SEN provision is funded largely from the school's overall budget and is allocated largely on the basis of individual need. Support is graduated according to needs, priorities and availability of resources. When it is agreed to place a pupil on the school's SEN register it is because their additional needs are significant and they require additional support that the school may fund up to an additional £6k. In exceptional cases the school can apply to the LA for top up funding. Pupils who have an Education Health & Care Plan will have an agreed package of support from the Local Authority through the Personal Budget arrangements.

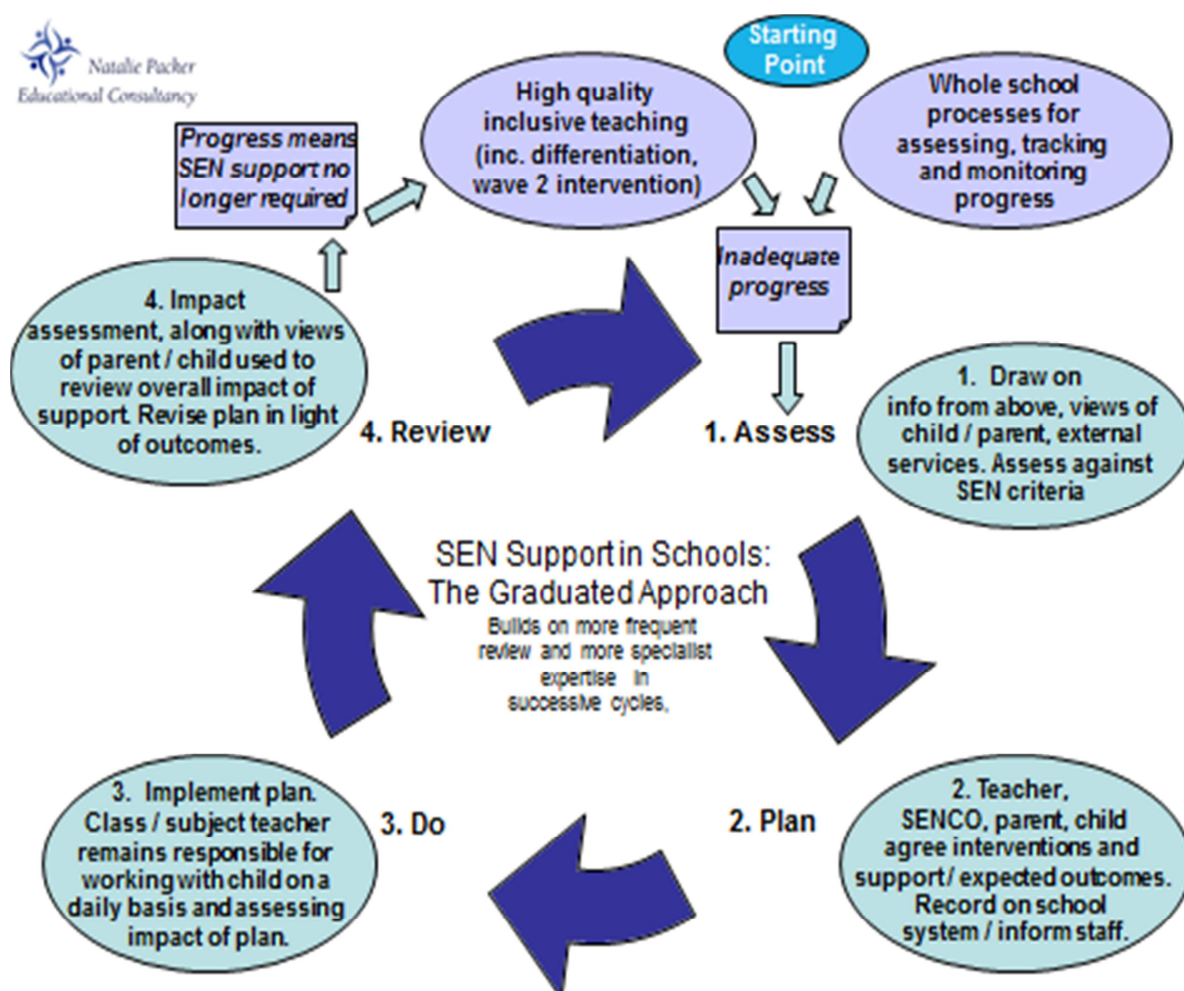
How pupils with special educational needs are identified and their needs determined and reviewed.

All teachers are responsible and accountable for the progress and development of all the pupils in their class, even where pupils access support from teaching assistants or specialist staff. Where a pupil is not making adequate progress, class teachers and the Acting SENCO, together with parents will collaborate on problem-solving, planning support and teaching strategies for individual pupils.

High quality teaching, differentiated for individual pupils, is the first step in our school's response to pupils who have or may have SEN.

The identification of SEN will be built into the school's overall approach to monitoring the progress and development of all pupils.

In line with the 2014 Code of Practice requirements the school will deliver a **Graduated Response Model** as described in the diagram below for pupils identified as having SEN:



Action by class teacher (prior to involvement of the Acting SENCO). Class / subject teachers will be expected to have undertaken the following actions)
The Key Responsibilities of the Class Teacher for pupils with SEN are:

Assess

- Using baseline assessment to identify what a child knows, understands and can do
- Assessing pupil progress
- Use existing information as a starting point

Plan

- Plan for differentiation of learning resources and activities.
- Ensure on-going observations/assessments provide feed-back to inform next steps.
- Take responsibility for planning and overseeing any interventions or support arrangements to address the child's learning difficulties.
- Involve the child and parents
- Will not have assumed that the difficulties are within the child.

Do

- Use primary curriculum programmes of study, effective management, ethos, learning environment for delivery of quality first teaching.
- Differentiate learning activities to meet individual needs, matching planning.
- Highlight areas of skills to support in class
- Take responsibility for planning and overseeing any interventions or support arrangements to address the child's learning difficulties.

Review

- Monitor and review pupil progress through learning plans and regular class assessments.
- Share reviews with parents and children
- Liaise with the Acting SENCO if the Graduated Response is to be considered

Arrangements will be monitored to identify those pupils not making sufficient progress with this level of support because of their special needs, at which point the Acting SENCO is consulted, as to whether the pupil should be placed on the school's SEN register.

SEN register

Placing pupils on the school's SEN register

- Will be considered when pupils are unable to make appropriate progress and involves experts advising on a personalised plan, specialist assessment, advice on new strategies, additional support
- Triggers – little progress over time, NC levels below age-related expectations or serious cognition/social & emotional/physical/sensory/communication/ interaction difficulties. Wave 2 interventions have not made a significant improvement

The Graduated Response

Will be led by the class teacher in partnership with the Acting SENCO.

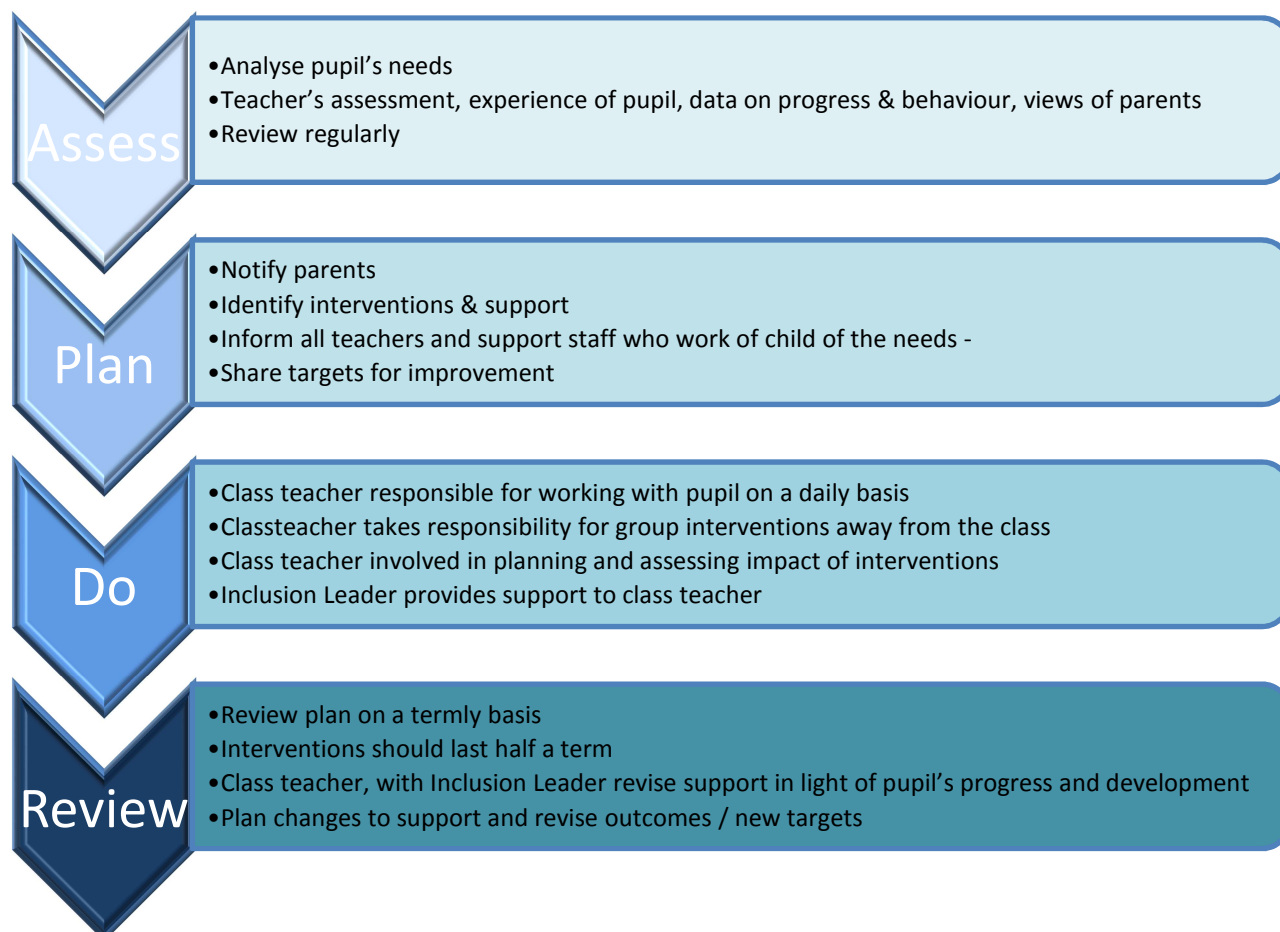
It will commence once it has been demonstrated that high quality teaching and learning arrangements as part of normal classroom planning, support and interventions are not enabling the pupil to make good enough progress, and where assessment data indicates this is because special educational needs are providing a barrier to learning.

Consideration of whether special educational provision is required should start with the desired outcomes, including the expected progress and attainment and the views and wishes of the pupil and their parents.

The outcomes considered should include those needed to make successful transitions between phases of education and to prepare for adult life.

In consultation with the pupil and parents a plan will be drawn up to achieve the agreed outcomes through support and intervention arrangements. The Graduated Response plan will ensure that;

- External agencies will be contacted and will see existing records and carry out their own assessments
- Acting SENCO and teacher will consider a range of approaches/materials including ICT
- Plans for the use of support will relate to a clear set of expected outcomes, which should include stretching and relevant academic and developmental targets.
- Progress towards these outcomes will be tracked and reviewed termly through a 4 step model, and will be repeated as many times as is necessary. (See model below)



The termly review meeting

This meeting will be led by a teacher with good knowledge and understanding of the child or young person who is aware of their needs and attainment. This will usually be the class teacher or form tutor, supported by the Acting SENCO. It will provide an opportunity for the parent to share their concerns and, together with the teacher, agree their aspirations for the child.

These discussions will allow sufficient time to explore the parents' views and to plan effectively. Meetings will, wherever possible, be aligned with the normal cycle of discussions with parents of all pupils. They could, however, be longer than most parent-teacher meetings.

The school's provision map

The school will maintain a provision map of the support, arrangements and interventions available to ensure that pupils with SEN can access learning and maximise their achievements.

The School's Approach to Identification and Assessment of SEN

At Pinner Park Junior School we have an agreed approach to the identification and assessment of SEN taking into account the nature of the special needs. Identification includes the use of high quality formative assessment, as well as effective tools and assessment materials. The main source of outside agency support is from the Local Authority or the school's own commissioned professionals. This could be from the Educational Psychologist, Support Teachers or Health Professionals e.g. speech and language therapists, physiotherapists etc. Informed parental permission is required before such consultations can take place.

For higher levels of need, our school has arrangements in place to draw on more specialised assessments from external agencies and professionals. Pinner Park Junior School has access to the following professional agencies;

- Paediatric Therapists (Speech and Language, Occupational Therapy, Physiotherapy)
- Educational Psychology Service
- Autistic Spectrum Disorders Advisory Teachers
- Visual Impairment and Hearing Impairment Advisory Teachers
- Child and Adolescent Mental Health Service (CAMHS)
- School Nursing Service
- Children's Services

Where pupils do not make sufficient progress, despite the school making purposeful and relevant interventions, it may be appropriate to ask the LA to carry out a statutory assessment of their needs to see if they are eligible for an Educational Health and Care Plan (EHCP). The LA will seek evidence from the school that any strategy or programme implemented for the child in question has been continued for a reasonable period of time without success and that alternatives have been tried. The LA will need information about the pupil's progress over time, and will also need clear documentation in relation to the pupil's special educational needs and any action taken to deal with those needs, including any resources or special arrangements put in place.

In preparing a request the school will involve the parents, pupils and outside agencies and refer to Chapter 8 of the Code of Practice.

Education Health and Care Plans (EHCP)

Once a pupil has an EHCP naming Pinner Park Junior School, the Head teacher of the school will ensure that those teaching or working with the child or young person are aware of their needs and have arrangements in place to meet them. The school will ensure that teachers monitor and review the pupil's progress during the course of a year. Formal reviews of the EHC plan will take place at least annually. If a pupil's SEN changes, the local authority will be informed and will arrange to hold a review as soon as possible to ensure that provision specified in the EHC plan is appropriate. For further information on EHCPs please see the Local Authority's Local Offer.

Access to the National Curriculum.

At Pinner Park Junior School we follow the new National Curriculum statement on Inclusion. We expect our teachers to set high expectations for every pupil and aim to teach them the full curriculum, whatever their prior attainment. Teachers will use appropriate assessment to set targets which are deliberately ambitious. Lessons are planned to address potential areas of difficulty and to ensure that there are no barriers to every pupil achieving. In many cases, such planning will mean that our pupils with SEN will be able to study the full national curriculum. Potential areas of difficulty will be identified and addressed at the outset of work.

At Pinner Park Junior School we make every effort to make adaptations to curriculum, teaching and the learning environment to meet the needs of individual pupils, and where appropriate as part of the planning for the pupil we provide access to ancillary aids and assistive technology.

Preparing for adulthood (transition)

At Pinner Park Junior School we help our pupils with SEN to start planning for their future adult life as early as possible. Our aim is to support our pupils to go on to achieve the best possible outcomes in employment, independent living and participating in society. This could include, for example:

- Helping pupils and parents understand and explore how the support they receive in school will change as they move into different settings, and what support they are likely to need to achieve their ambitions.

How the governing body will evaluate the success of the education which is provided at the school to pupils with special educational needs.

The governing body must publish information on their websites about the implementation of the governing body's policy for pupils with SEN. The information published will be updated annually and any changes to the information occurring during the year will be updated as soon as possible.

Arrangements made by the Governing Body relating to the treatment of complaints from parents of pupils with special educational needs concerning the provision made at the school.

Any complaints from parents of pupils with special education needs concerning the provision made at the school should be made through the school's procedures as set out on the school's website and in the prospectus.

Part 3 : Information about the school's staffing policies and partnership with bodies beyond the school

Arrangements for Professional Development for all staff, including SEN staff and learning support assistants, in relation to special educational needs

The professional development of all staff involved in meeting the needs of pupils with SEN is ongoing and continuous. A wide range of training opportunities is provided which includes;

- Skill sharing and the demonstration of teaching techniques and strategies organised within the school
- Professional development sessions and one-off sessions on relevant subjects provided by SEN specialists
- Attendance at courses offered by external providers, accredited and non-accredited, as part of the school's Performance Management process
- Other courses which are relevant to the work being undertaken. This can be generated by staff interest or can be undertaken at the request of the Acting SENCO.

The role played by the parents of pupils with special educational needs.

All parents and carers of pupils with special educational needs at Pinner Park Junior School are considered to be our partners. They will be supported so as to be able and empowered to:

- Recognise and fulfil their responsibilities as parents and play an active and valued role in their child's education
- Have knowledge of their child's entitlement within the SEN framework
- Make their views known about how their child is educated
- Have access to information, advice and support during assessment and any related decision-making processes about special educational provision.

To make communications effective staff at Pinner Park Junior School will:

- Acknowledge and draw on parental knowledge and expertise in relation to their child
- Focus on the pupil's strengths as well as areas of additional need
- Recognise the personal and emotional investment of parents and be aware of their feelings
- Ensure that parents understand procedures, are aware of how to access support in preparing their contributions, and are given documents to be discussed.
- Respect the validity of differing perspectives and seek constructive ways of reconciling different viewpoints
- Respect the differing needs parents themselves may have, such as a disability, or communication and linguistic barriers
- Recognise the need for flexibility in the timing and structure of meetings

Pupils

The pupil's views will always be ascertained, but this may not be through direct discussion with the pupil. Pupils will be enabled/encouraged to participate in all decision-making processes in education, including the setting of learning targets and contributing to personal plans, contributions to the assessment of their needs and termly reviews and transition meetings. They need to be part of the process, to know that they are listened to and that their views are valued

Any links with other schools, including special school, and the provision made for the transition of pupils with special educational needs between schools or between the school and the next stage of life or education.

Liaison with regard to the successful transition of pupils with SEN is undertaken with receiving and sending schools prior to transfer. Contact is coordinated by the Acting SENCO.

Links with child health services, social services and educational welfare services and any voluntary organisations which work on behalf of pupils with special educational needs.

The school in contact with the following services and organisations.

- Paediatric Therapists (Speech and Language, Occupational Therapy, Physiotherapy)
- Paediatricians at Northwick Park Hospital
- Educational Psychology Service
- Autistic Spectrum Disorders Advisory Teachers
- Visual Impairment and Hearing Impairment Advisory Teachers
- Child and Adolescent Mental Health Service (CAMHS)
- School Nursing Service
- Children's Services e.g. Early Intervention Team
- ADHD Support, Harrow
- Voluntary organisations e.g. Hope, Family Learning Network.

Contact is coordinated by the Acting SENCO.

This policy will be reviewed and updated annually. The Acting SENCO will also report annually to the Governing Body concerning the effectiveness of the policy.